WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A panel for use in an assembly having a mounted component, the panel comprising:

a substrate having an aperture extending through the substrate and a first capping portion at least partially about the aperture, wherein the aperture is configured to receive the mounted component;

a skin having a second capping portion at least partially about the aperture; and

at least one compressible layer between the substrate and the skin, wherein the first capping portion and second capping portion cooperatively engage one another to close off the at least one compressible layer between the substrate and the skin.

2. The panel of claim 1, including at least one boss coupled to and extending from the substrate opposite the skin, wherein the at least one boss is configured to mount the mounted component to the substrate.

3. The panel of claim 1, wherein the mounted component comprises a handle and wherein the aperture is configured to receive the handle.

4. The panel of claim 1, wherein the at least one compressible layer includes a foam layer injection molded between the substrate and the skin.

5. The panel of claim 1, wherein one of the first capping portion and the second capping portion includes a channel and wherein the other of the first capping portion and the second capping portion includes an end received within the channel.

6. The panel of claim 5, wherein the channel extends completely about the aperture.

7. The panel of claim 1, wherein the second capping portion has a first thickness and wherein a remainder of the skin has a second lesser thickness.

8. The panel of claim 1, wherein one of the first capping portion and the second capping portion includes a detent and wherein the other of the first capping portion and the second capping portion includes a detent-engaging portion.

9. The panel of claim 1, wherein the first capping portion and the second capping portion at least partially overlap one another between the substrate and the skin.

10. An assembly comprising:

a substrate having an aperture extending through the substrate and a first capping portion at least partially about the aperture;

a skin having a second capping portion;

at least one layer between the substrate and the skin, wherein the first capping portion and second capping portion cooperatively engage one another to close off the at least one compressible layer between the substrate and the skin; and

a component extending through the aperture.

11. The assembly of claim 10, wherein the component is mounted to the substrate.

12. The assembly of claim 10 including at least one boss coupled to and extending from the substrate opposite the skin, wherein the component is mounted to the at least one boss.

13. The assembly of claim 10, wherein the component comprises a handle.

14. The assembly of claim 10, wherein the at least one compressible layer includes a foam layer injection molded between the substrate and the skin.

15. The assembly of claim 10, wherein the first capping portion and the second capping portion at least partially overlap one another between the substrate and the skin.

16. A vehicle door assembly comprising:

a substrate having an aperture extending through the substrate;

a handle extending through the aperture and having a portion opposite the substrate; and

a compressible surface coupled to the substrate and extending in close proximity to the aperture between the substrate and the portion of the handle opposite the substrate.

17. The assembly of claim 16 including at least one boss coupled to and extending from the substrate, wherein the handle is mounted to the at least one boss.

18. The assembly of claim 16 including:

a skin; and

at least one compressible layer between the substrate and the skin.

19. The assembly of claim 18, wherein the substrate includes a first capping portion at least partially about the aperture, wherein the skin has a second capping portion cooperatively engaging the first capping portion to close off the at least one compressible layer between the substrate and the skin.

20. The assembly of claim 18, wherein the at least one compressible layer includes a foam layer injection molded between the substrate and the skin.

21. A method for manufacturing a panel for use with an assembly having a mounted component, the method comprising:

providing a substrate having an aperture extending through the substrate and having a first capping portion extending at least partially about the aperture;

providing a skin having a second capping portion extending at least partially about the aperture;

cooperatively engaging the first capping portion and the second capping portion so as to close off a space between the skin and the substrate; and

injection molding a foam material into the space between the skin and the substrate.

22. A method for manufacturing a vehicle door assembly, the method comprising:

providing a substrate having an aperture extending through the substrate and having a first capping portion extending at least partially about the aperture;

providing a skin having a second capping portion extending at least partially about the aperture;

cooperatively engaging the first capping portion and the second capping portion so as to close off a space between the skin and the substrate; and;

injection molding a foam material into the spaces between the skin and the substrate; and

positioning at least a portion of a door handle within the aperture.

23. The method of claim 22 including mounting the door handle to the substrate.